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Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application entitled:

IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD DETERMINING NOISE IN IMAGE DATA

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and Toru MAEGAWA☐ Applicant(s) suggests Figure ____ for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.☒ Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information:
Konica Minolta Business Technologies, Inc.

☐ Small entity status is claimed.

Also enclosed are:

DRAWINGS: 15 sheets of formal drawings sheets of informal drawings**DECLARATION:** ☐ will follow ☒ executed, is enclosed ☐ unexecuted, is enclosed**ASSIGNMENT:** ☒ is enclosed ☐ will follow**BURNS DOANE**BURNS DOANE SWECKER & MATTHEWS LLP
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**CLAIM FOR
PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.
C. § 119 and/or
365:**☒ is made in the declaration ☐ is hereby made as follows

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Japan	2003-359612	October 20, 2003

☒ certified copy(ies) enclosed☐ certified copy(ies) will follow**OTHER PAPERS:** ☐ a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees☒ an Information Disclosure Statement☐ an Application Data Sheet (ADS)☐☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows ☐ and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Basic Application Fee (1001)					\$ 770.00
Total Claims	13	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Application Fee					\$ 770.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					\$ 0.00
Add Assignment Recording Fee of \$40.00 (8021) if Assignment document is enclosed.					\$ 40.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$ 810.00

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